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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19 are active in the application.

Briefly, Applicants' invention is directed to a device which enables specific fiber optic connectors to be identified with their respective mating locations on a patch panel, and to be able to transfer information from the fiber optic connector to the patch panel. Such a solution reduces the amount of time necessary to perform and rectify fiber optic cable management issues.

Features common to the inventions, as recited in Claims 11, 13, 15, 17, and 19, are:

- a fiber optic cable having a fiber optic connector;
- a transponder attached to the fiber optic connector;
- a substrate adapted for attachment to a panel of a host device;
- an antenna attached to the substrate; and